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Mrs. Pearl Jones Sues Dr. R. H. McCollon, Judge Teal and Dr. Lee Steiner for Damages.

According to a Salem dispatch, alleging that she was illegally and falsely committed and confined in the Oregon State Hospital for the insane, Pearl Jones Holmes has brought suit for \$25,000 damages against her husband, M. A. Holmes, County Judge J. B. Teal, Dr. R. H. McCollon and Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the asylum.

She alleges that as a result of domestic troubles, a conspiracy was entered into between her husband and County Judge Teal and Dr. McCollon, on whose certificate she was committed to the asylum, to get her out of the way. She was received at the asylum January 27th, 1913, and was discharged as cured in about three weeks.

In her complaint it is alleged that she was in San Francisco in Nov., 1912, when A. H. Holmes, father of her husband, importuned her to come to his farm near Rickreall for the purpose of effecting a reconciliation with her husband. She states that she did so, and lived with her husband a few weeks and then because of domestic troubles left him again, and that in January, without being given a hearing, or examined by the county court, she was committed to the asylum.

Dr. Steiner presented the matter to the state board of control yesterday afternoon and the board instructed him to request the attorney general to make a defense. Dr. Steiner said the commitment, on its face, was regular and that the woman was regularly received and treated until the time of her discharge.

Seeks a High Office.

Harry H. Belt is a candidate for the Republican nomination of Circuit Judge of this district.

Mr. Belt is a young man, being 31 years of age, but his many friends believe that he will make good if nominated and elected. When it is taken into consideration that many of Oregon's most prominent jurists began their career on the bench before they had attained 30 years of age, there is no logical reason why Mr. Belt would not make good on account of his being a young man. The question these days, is, whether a man can deliver the goods.

Mr. Belt studied law for years under the guidance of Judge George H. Burnett, his uncle and later became associated with Oscar Hayter in the practice of law, where he has been for the past three years and is now associated with Brown & Sibley. Mr. Belt has been very successful as a lawyer, there is no reason why he is not qualified for a judge.

The Latest Returns.

S. T. Hawley has announced himself as a candidate for re-election to the state senate for the joint counties of Polk and Yamhill.

S. B. Taylor has his petitions out for a candidate for county surveyor of Polk County. He was formerly chief engineer of the S. F. & W. R. Walter Tooe has thrown his hat in the ring as a candidate for the office as representative.

John Richter the chief of horse in the sheriff office is in the race for County Treasurer.

John W. Orr is running for the office of County Sheriff.

C. R. Canfield of Black Rock is circulating petitions for the nomination of County Surveyor, subject to the decision of the republicans at the primary. Mr. Canfield came from a family of civil engineers and is a hustler.

Appeared Before Supreme Court.

Attorneys Oscar Hayter and Harry H. Belt made argument before the Supreme Court last Thursday in the case of Roy Schaller vs. Pacific Face Brick Company. This case resulted from personal injuries which the plaintiff sustained while in the operation of a dry press brick machine at the company's plant located at Willamina. A verdict of \$2500 was found in favor of the plaintiff and the defendant's company appealed.

Everybody Was Away From Home.

The houses in Dallas were deserted Sunday afternoon and the occupants were out either walking, riding or visiting. It was a sure enough spring day, one of those made to order kind and the world seemed better to those who were fortunate to be able to be out. No one was grumpy, it was a hearty greeting that you were met with, in fact those you did not have any love for if you met them it was with a pleasant "how do, isn't it a fine day." The Washington Street boulevard was the main thoroughfare and the foot of the auto was constantly heard. Wild currants, almonds, and other spring blossoms were in abundance. A number visited the streams and many had a string of trout to bear witness that even the finny tribe did not even stay indoors. Yes this is Oregon. How do you like it Mr. Newcomer?

DALLAS CHURCH NOTES

MEETINGS HELD AND TO BE HELD

Methodist Church Notes.

Superintendent "Billy" Miller gave the Sunday school a rousing talk on temperance, a pistol, a package of cigarettes, a bottle of whiskey, a phial of morphine, and a poker deck were used in the object lesson.

The pastor urged the ladies to register and be prepared to vote and show the "Lords of Creation" how to run this country. He also urged the doctors to lay in a few gallons of nitrate of silver wash, and give the cigarette smokers and other nicotine fiends a swab. Under the power of God's grace the demon Saul, a law-breaker and accomplice in murder, became Saint Paul the apostle. Two persons united with the church.

Will Meet Tomorrow Night.

The Mary Lee Circle of the Christian Church will hold its regular meeting in the lower assembly room of the Christian Church on Wednesday evening, March 11th at 7.30. The members of the Christian Women's Board of Missions are invited to this meeting. The following program will be rendered after the business period.

What the Children Have Built.....
.....Blanche Robbie
Our Nine Stations in India.....
.....Ruth Nunn
Solo.....Georgia Curtis
China and Our New Station.....
.....Pearl Ramsey
Jacob Kenaly's Work in Africa.....
.....Alice Grant

Dallas Young Men Entertain.

"The Grateful Young Men" were hosts at the Armory, Friday evening, giving a party in honor of the Young Women's Club. The young men feeling grateful to the young ladies, because of pleasures recently provided in the way of parties, gave this to show their appreciation.

The hall and parlors were tastefully decorated and many were the compliments given to the beautiful effect shown by the handy-work of the decorators. The evening's entertainment was a perfect success. The fifty couples present, enjoyed a very pleasant evening, made enjoyable by a diversion of several forms of pleasure, including dancing, card playing, billiards, question guessing and games. The music by the Moose Orchestra was especially fine and made dancing a pleasure. During the evening, punch and wafers were served and at a late hour lunch was served, consisting of Neopolitan ice cream and cake.

The patrons and patronesses were highly praised for their manner of conducting the party, and the leave taking brought forth a round of praise for the young men who had so successfully entertained.

The patrons and patronesses were, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hayter, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Stafrin, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Craven.

Motorcyclist Thrown.

Hugh Ayers had a narrow escape from death Sunday afternoon when he lost control of his motorcycle while going down the north Dallas hill and crashed through a fence and over an embankment. He was taken to the hospital where it was found that his arm had been broken. He is resting easy and it will be several days before he can again ride his pop pop.

News of City and County

Mrs. C. G. Coad visited friends in Monmouth last week.

Mrs. Chas. Guy is very ill at her home on Levens Street.

Mrs. Scott Bennet is very ill at her home near Salt Creek.

Laura Conkey visited her parents at Monmouth over Sunday.

Burk and Shephard brought in two fine draft horses Saturday.

C. R. Canfield of Black Rock was a Sunday visitor in Dallas.

The Dallas City Bank moved into their new quarters Saturday.

The County Fair Director held a call meeting last Saturday.

Miss Lela Plankington spent Sunday at her home at Bridgeport.

Mike McNulty of Polk Station has been very sick for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harry of McCoy were in Dallas yesterday.

Miss Stella Plankington visited her parents over Sunday at Bridgeport.

Tide Brown of the Salt Creek district was a business visitor in Dallas Saturday.

Fred Thomas, a farmer on Salt Creek was a business visitor here Saturday.

Mrs. Clint Sargent of Portland is visiting her parents at Bridgeport this week.

Mrs. A. V. R. Snyder has returned after a week's visit with friends at McMinnville.

R. B. Winslow of Mabel, Oregon, visited his mother, Mrs. Farrington, a few days last week.

Clarence Sellers and family of the Oak Dale district were business visitors in Dallas Saturday.

The Observer wishes to express its thanks to Mrs. Judge Collins for a handsome bouquet of jonquils.

Mrs. G. H. Claunch, who lives 6 miles south-east of Dallas was a business visitor in town Saturday.

S. Strickner was in town Saturday with 6 good sized hogs. He is a successful hog raiser and sold 12 during last week.

Only one dollar a year for the Two-Week Polk County Observer for a short time, SUBSCRIBE NOW.

Miss Edith Catherwood spent Sunday as the guest of Miss Hargrove at the home of Miss Hargrove's mother in Salem.

The rose bed in the Court House yard is greatly improved, as the roses have been trimmed and the ground cultivated.

James A. Roberts of Salt Creek decided that Saturday was too nice a day to remain at home, so spent the day in Dallas.

Dr. Tharp and wife of Portland visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Chas. Gregory over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tetherow of Falls City were guests at Hon. Hardy Holman's residence last week.

Mrs. A. M. Peery of McMinnville is in Dallas visiting with her daughters, Mrs. Volheim and Mrs. Uglow.

John Robinson of Oak Dale tried the roads Saturday by driving to town. He found them in fair condition and enjoyed his visit.

A. Simkins of North Spring Valley paid the Observer a pleasant visit Saturday and reports big improvements in his neighborhood.

Miss Jessie Simkins, a teacher in the Upper Salt Creek School was in Dallas Saturday enjoying the sights and visiting with friends.

Jerry Driscoll, who has been working with Sibley & Eakin, abstractors, has accepted a position with the Sterling Furniture Company.

Mr. Peter Kuelmeling, former manager of The Dallas hotel was in Dallas Monday making arrangements to take charge of the New Scott.

Mr. E. V. Dalton leaves tonight for the East to be absent for the summer. He will visit friends in California, New Mexico and Florida.

The Feed Stables were kept busy Saturday as there was a large number of farmers in town, taking advantage of the slightly dried roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Klassen and their son, J. F. Klassen and wife from Manitoba, Canada, have rented a house here and expect to make Dallas their permanent home.

Grand Chancellor Frank S. Grant of Portland, who assisted in dedicating the Knights of Pythias' new hall last evening, paid the Observer a pleasant call this morning. Mr. Grant spoke in praise of the well arranged lodge room of our local lodge.

Mrs. J. G. Niece of Newcastle, Pa., is visiting at the home of J. W. McDowell in the Eastern part of Polk County and is delighted with Oregon climate.

Mr. L. G. Miller, west of the city, visited the Observer Saturday. Mr. Miller is a former resident of McPherson, Kansas, and the editor enjoyed his visit.

F. J. Coad purchased a new gasoline spray pump Saturday which he will use in his orchard on the Ilaha. Mr. Coad reports cherries, apples and peaches in good condition.

Lee Damewood who lives on the Clifford place, 5 miles north-east of Dallas was in town Saturday and got a load of prune trees which will be set on Mr. Clifford's place, 1 mile east of Dallas.

The women of Woodcraft have moved from the Woodman hall to the hall above the New City Bank and will hold their next meeting there Wednesday night.

Joseph Goetz was in town Saturday and reports his poultry, stock and orchard all in the best of condition. Mr. Goetz's place is 5 1/2 miles north-east of Dallas and he says the roads are in good condition all the way.

Mr. David M. Smith who recently arrived from Missouri and purchased the Lynch property has moved into same, and will make Dallas his permanent home. He came here to be shown and is satisfied.

The McMinnville Telephone Register states that Mrs. D. M. Metzger of Dallas visited during the week at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jos. Hoberg and attended the banquet of the Civic Improvement Club.

The new permanent awning that The Dallas Mercantile Company lately had placed in position is a good improvement and not only adds to the store, but makes a metropolitan appearance.

The local order of Knights of Pythias dedicated their new hall last evening. Want of space and lack of information necessary to do justice to the occasion prevents a more extended notice in this issue.

There was more than the average attendance at the supper given last Friday evening at the Presbyterian Church. Over 150 enjoyed the meal that was prepared by the ladies of that church. If any one went away hungry it was not the ladies' fault. Each table was very tastefully decorated and the ivy that hung in bunches from the walls added much to make the room appear like a banquet was being held.

Three Sweet Home young men were indicted by the grand jury last week, for killing deer out of season.

The K. of P. Lodge at Glencoe has closed a deal for a business lot at North Plains and will immediately improve it with a brick store building to cost \$3500. The upper floor will be used for a lodge room.

F. S. Dow, local agent for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., committed suicide at Marshfield, by leaping into the bay in front of his place of business, and his body was found three hours later. A. H. Allen, auditor for the dead man's employers, was here to check the accounts.

Invitations are going out to every Blue Lodge of Free Masonry in the state to attend one of the performances at the coming Shriners' Carnival to be given by Al Kader Temple, in the Malnomah Club Stadium, April 16th, 17th and 18th.

Cook County dairy cows are bringing high prices this spring, and at the George Belloni sale near Coquille, 45 graded Jersey cows sold for an average of \$129 each.

There were several especially fine animals which brought \$153 each. Four new cases of rabies were reported at Baker. Two mad dogs were killed on Lower Powder, 20 miles from the city and one each reported at Durkee and Burnt River, while numerous coyotes are said to have gone mad at and near the latter place.

William Pond, a millwright at the Porter mill, met an awful death Thursday while shifting a big drive belt without stopping the engine. The belt came off and the slack of it caught him and drew him into the pulley, where he was horribly mangled. One leg was torn from his body and his head was crushed. Pond was unmarried. He was a member of the North Bend Oddfellows' Lodge.

Dr. Mark S. Skiff sold a ranch of 553 acres, six miles north of Salem to Hung Hop Lee, a laundryman for \$42,500 cash. Dr. Skiff bought the place in 1905 for \$12,000.

The purchaser will plant 50 acres of hops at once. Hung Hop Lee has three hop ranches near this city.

Salem is to have a \$50,000 canning plant, the largest concern of its kind in the state. The plant is to be erected for Hunt Brothers of that city, and will have an annual capacity of 75,000 cases. The main structure will be one story high, 100 x 270 feet in dimensions and of reinforced concrete construction. It will be fully equipped with all modern canning machinery and will be ready to handle this year's fruit and vegetable crop.

Parents-Teachers' Meetings. The Parent-Teachers' meeting held at Rickreall, Thursday, March 5th was well attended and a good program was enjoyed. Dr. Withycombe of the O. A. C. delivered an address which was interesting and instructive.

A Parent-Teachers' meeting was held Friday night, March 6th at Salt Creek with fair attendance. H. C. Seymour presided and an address was delivered by Professor C. H. Ackerman of the Normal School.

School rallies will be held this week as follows:—
Greenwood, Friday, March 13th.
West Salem, Friday, March 13th, 8 p. m.
Brush College, Saturday, March 14th.
Polk Station, Saturday, March 14th.

The Principles' Club meeting will be held at Monmouth, Saturday, March 14th at 8 p. m.

Civic Improvement to be Discussed. An interesting meeting of the Civic Improvement Department of the Women's Club will be held Tuesday, March 17th. Professor Peek of the O. A. C. University will lecture both afternoon and evening on that date. His topic will be along the lines of beautifying our city and landscape gardening, which will be of much interest to every individual of Dallas. Professor Peek comes to us with an excellent reputation and we feel a treat is in store for us along these lines. In the afternoon he will lecture in the club rooms of the library. In the evening he will give his illustrated lecture in the auditorium of the High School to which the general public is invited.

Schools Standardized. Brush College, February 26th, teachers, Miss Almendra Fuller and Miss Helen Cook; Board, Ed Loose, F. J. Woelk and W. H. Pelker; Clerk, A. R. Ewing.

Pioneer, February 27th, teacher, Miss Ella Mehrling; Board, J. H. Keeler, G. W. Curtice and Fred Happy; Clerk, O. N. Harrington.

Coeckrin, March 3rd, teacher, Miss Roberta Ballard; Board, J. H. Mulkey; H. J. Ellis and William Kruger; Clerk, J. F. Powell.

Elkins, March 3rd, teacher, Miss Gwendolyn Dickens; Board, Frank Langhary, R. O. Dodson and George Jones, Clerk, H. W. Dickenson.

School Rallies. School rallies were held as follows: Zena School Friday, March 6th with good attendance and interest, L. V. Macken presided.

Concord School, Friday, March 6th with good attendance. H. C. Seymour reports a very interesting meeting.

Lincoln School, Saturday, March 7th, L. V. Macken present with good attendance.

Ballston School, Saturday, March 7th, H. C. Seymour reports fair attendance and good interest, meeting was addressed by Mr. Stockwell and J. C. McIntosh of the O. A. C.

Kansan's Attention!

All former residents of Kansas please leave or send your names to The Observer, and state what county in Kansas you came from. We want to keep a record of all former Kansans and some time during the Fair this fall will try and have a social time, and organize a Kansas Club and see how many old friends and former neighbors are located in this county. Also formulate some plan to induce others in Kansas to locate in the best part of Oregon, Polk County.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Proposition to Vote Bonds for \$5,000 to Purchase Fair Ground Site.

At a special meeting of the city council last Saturday night the reading of the first resolution to amend the city charter to permit the building of septic tanks. Also a resolution was presented to amend the City Charter to allow the city to issue bonds for \$5,000 to purchase a fair ground site. The later resolution was introduced at the request of the fair board.

Some History of March.

March, the month of Martins, (Mars) though the third month of our calendar, was the first month of the Roman year. It was considered as the first month of the year in England until the change of style in 1752, and the legal year was reckoned from the 25th of March. Its last three days (old style) were once popularly supposed to have been borrowed by March from April, and are proverbially stormy.

Women's Club is Formed.

The women of Independence have formed a Civic Improvement Club. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, Mrs. J. S. Cooper; first vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Hubbard; second vice-president, Mrs. H. B. Fletcher; secretary, Mrs. B. F. Swope; financial secretary, Mrs. J. F. Feltzer; treasurer, Mrs. J. G. McIntosh.

Tough on the Farmer.

The Canadian Pacific's steamship Empress of Asia arrived Sunday at Vancouver, B. C., with 3,500,000 Chinese eggs consigned to points in the United States.

This consignment is from Northern China, and is said to be in much better condition than other shipments recently brought to San Francisco.

Verdict for \$3,640.

U. S. Loughary received word yesterday that the case of Martha Simpson vs. I. M. Simpson that was tried in the last circuit court held here and taken under advisement by Judge Holmes was decided in his favor as administrator and a verdict was rendered against the defendant for \$3,640.

Loganberry Growers Will Meet.

The committee appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for a state organization of loganberry growers, has called a meeting to be held at Salem, Saturday, March 14th.

Loganberry growers are urged to be present.

Fenton Wins Game.

Carl Fenton, the Dallas boy playing with the U. of O. basketball team against O. A. C. at Eugene Saturday evening showed wonderful ability at tossing baskets from the foul line, when he scored 9 out of 12 chances, thus winning the deciding game by the close score of 13 to 11.

Visited the Bridges.

Commissioners Petree and Wells in company with the County Road Overseer, J. Waldo Finn, visited a number of Polk County bridges on Friday to look into their condition. A number of improvements will be made.

Shipped Car of Hops.

The reason that Mr. Fenton's hands were so badly stained the past week was that he had been loading a car of hops that were purchased by R. E. Williams from Yeater Bros., the price paid was 17 cents a pound.

Monmouth New Postmaster.

Archie Parker, who has carried the mail on a rural route out of Independence for the last 11 years, received notice that he had been chosen as postmaster for the Monmouth office. He lives at Monmouth.

MOTHER'S GARDEN

A Tribute to His Mother by Dean Collins of Dallas.

There's a breath of life in the warm earth panting;
And swelling buds on the branches eling;
And crocuses on the lawn are planting

The first, brave battleflags of Spring;
Bold they blaze on the sod beneath,
Flinging defiance in Winter's teeth,
And winds from the North though shrill and fleet,
May never scatter them in defeat.

The world's athril as the buds awaken;
I feel its urge; and the crocus' gleam,
Out of my memory's chests has shaken
The fabric fair of an old, old dream;
Mother sits by the window there
With packets of seeds strewn everywhere,

And with eager zeal and full care-fully,
She plans the garden that is to be.
Magic art hath my little mother,
Charming the earth and seeds and showers;
Maytime shall find the yard a smother
Of wonderful, sweet, old-fashioned flowers;
Packet by packet she picks them well,
The seeds she will use in her Springtime spell,
And the wind at the window sings elfishly,
Of the wonderful garden that is to be.

Ho, for the larkspurs purple and yellow;
The double daisies in flaming line;
The waxy bleeding hearts, plump and mellow;
The trembling sups of the columbine;
The stalwart phlox in the garden set;
The dreamy scent of the mignonette;
And there by the hedgerow—Hark,
O hark!—
The ghostly primroses burst in the dark.

Ho, for the rumbling fairy thunder
Of bumble bees in the scented bowers
Where, maudlin-winged, they bump and blunder,
Drunk with the honey of cosmos flowers;
And humming-bird moths sing "Zoom" and "Zoom,"
Over the banked petunia bloom;
And the bold nasturtium climbs and tells
Its tales to the Canterbury bells.

Under the eaves of the porch are clinging
Soft pink garlands of Mission rose;
And I dream that I hear my mother singing
Her garden charms where the sweet pea grows;
And the lazy butterfly glides and rocks
Through pillared aisles of the hollyhocks;
And the tiger-lily, with freckled face,
Grins through the goats-beard's snowy lace.

Mystic priestess who can evoke us
Blaze of bloom from the brown earth's arms;
I see the vanguard of valiant crocus,
And know thou art brewing garden charms;
And my fancy flies, as a swallow speeds,
To thy Springtime muster of garden seeds,
And, little mother, I plan with thee,
The old-fashioned garden that is to be.

The above poem was dedicated to Mrs. Judge Collins' garden in Dallas by her son Dean, who is employed on the Oregonian staff and is a worthy tribute to a loving mother.

Ladies, call at Mrs. Gregory's store and see the nobby suits and coats that she has received the past week, the latest in spring styles are now on display.